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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: NISSL-2

In re Application of:	}
THOMAS NISSL)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/DE2005/000018)
Int. Filing Date: January 11, 2005)
For: STENT)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification and in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/DE2005/000018 respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

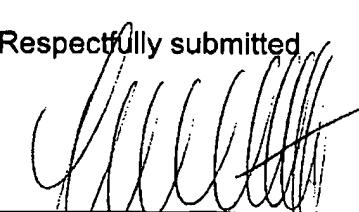
German Gebrauchsmuster DE 297 02 671 U1 describes a stent (1) which has a tubular flexible body (2) with a wall (3) having a web structure (4). The web structure (4) of the wall (3) has cells formed by a pair of adjacent sinuous web patterns (5,6) that are interconnected by linking elements (22) to form elastic elements.

German Gebrauchsmuster DE 295 21 206 U1 is based on U.S. Pat. No. 5,733,303, issued on March 31, 1998.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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	WO 02/24111 A	03-28-2002	PCT			yes
	WO 2004/084769	10-07-2004	PCT			yes
	WO 98/22159 A	05-28-1998	PCT			yes
	EP 1 088 528 A	04-04-2001	Europe			yes
	WO 96/26689	09-06-1996	PCT			yes
	DE 297 02 671 U	05-22-1997	Germany			no
	DE 295 21 206 U	10-31-1996	Germany			no

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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